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Application of: THOMAS et al.

Serial No.: 09/497,957

Group Art Unit: 1644

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For: PLASMIDS COMPRISING
NUCLEIC ACIDS FROM THE
HEREDITARY
HEMOCHROMATOSIS
GENE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Species Election Requirement dated July 1, 2002

(Paper No. 8), please consider the following election and remarks.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition For Extension of Time for four (4) month from August 1, 2002, up to and including December 1, 2002.

REMARKS

In response to the Species Election Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group A, drawn to a plasmid comprising a sequence unique to SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 5, or 7. Claims 92-101, and 124-137 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.